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BRIDGE BY-PASSES
ROUTE 7, NORTH VIETNAM

SIGNIFICANCE:

THIS BRIEFING BOARD DEPICTS NEW BRIDGES, FORDS, AND
ROADS BEING UTILIZED BY THE NORTH VIETNAMESE TO BY-PASS BOTH
DESTROYED AND SERVICEABLE BRIDGES, IN AN EFFORT TO MAINTAIN
ROUTE 7 AS A MAJOR SUPPLY ARTERY AND LINE OF COMMUNICATION.

REMARKS:

ROUTE 7 EXTENDS GENERALLY WESTWARD FOR 130 MILES FROM
A JUNCTION WITH ROUTE 1A NEAR XOM MO TO THE LAOS BORDER, AND
IS A MAJOR AVENUE OF APPROACH FROM NORTH VIETNAM INTO THE
PLAINE DES JARRES AREA OF CENTRAL LAOS. THE ROUTE IS CONSTRUCTED
OF SELECTED LOCAL MATERIALS (PROBABLY GRAVEL), [REDACTED] 25X1
IN WIDTH, WITH SHOULDER WIDTHS NOT EXCEEDING [REDACTED] 25X1

MISSION READOUT:

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1. A DESTROYED HIGHWAY BRIDGE IS OBSERVED ON ROUTE 7
AT 1922N 10413E. A FORD SOUTH OF THE BRIDGE IS IN USE.
2. A DESTROYED HIGHWAY BRIDGE IS OBSERVED ON ROUTE 7
AT 1920N 10417E. A FORD LOCATED EAST OF THE DESTROYED BRIDGE
IS IN USE. A SECOND FORD, LOCATED IMMEDIATELY EAST OF THE

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FIRST FORD, IS UNDER CONSTRUCTION.

3. THE BAN CA TANG HIGHWAY BRIDGE EAST OVER THE
HOUEI CA TANG [REDACTED], LOCATED ON ROUTE 7 AT
1919N 10418E, HAS BEEN DESTROYED. TWO FORDS, ONE NORTH AND
ONE SOUTH OF THE BRIDGE, ARE IN USE.

25X1

4. THE BAN TA XA HIGHWAY BRIDGE OVER STREAM
[REDACTED] LOCATED ON ROUTE 7 AT 1917N 10420E, IS IN
USE, AS IS A FORD WEST OF THE BRIDGE. NO EVIDENCE OF AIR
STRIKES IS NOTED IN THE AREA.

25X1

5. THE KHE KIEN HIGHWAY BRIDGE WEST OVER THE NAM
KIEN [REDACTED] LOCATED ON ROUTE 7 AT 1916N 10421E,
HAS BEEN DESTROYED. TWO FORDS, ONE NORTH AND ONE SOUTH OF
THE BRIDGE, ARE IN USE.

25X1

6. A HIGHWAY BRIDGE LOCATED ON ROUTE 7 AT 1915N 10424E
IN THE VICINITY OF BAN HOUEI CHA LONG HAS BEEN DAMAGED AND
IS NOT IN USE. A NEWLY-CONSTRUCTED BRIDGE WEST OF THE DAMAGED
BRIDGE IS IN USE.

7. THE BAN TIANE HIGHWAY BRIDGE WEST OVER STREAM
[REDACTED] LOCATED ON ROUTE 7 AT 1915N 10428E, IS IN USE,
AS ARE TWO BY-PASS ROADS, ONE NORTH AND ONE SOUTH OF THE BRIDGE.
NEITHER THE BRIDGE NOR BY-PASS ROADS HAVE BEEN DAMAGED BY AIR
STRIKES.

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8. THE BAN TIANE HIGHWAY BRIDGE EAST OVER STREAM

[REDACTED] LOCATED ON ROUTE 7 AT 1915N 10429E, IS
IN USE. A BY-PASS ROAD IS UNDER CONSTRUCTION SOUTH OF THE
BRIDGE. NO EVIDENCE OF AIR STRIKES IS OBSERVED.

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